Drop-outs

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department-related Standing Committee on Human Resource Development has deplored the increasing percentage of drop-outs and the dismal 3.5 per cent lowering of drop-out percentage over the last decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of drop-outs in various States, particularly in Karnataka alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to check and reduce the percentage of drop-outs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development in its Hundred Forty Ninth Report on Demands for Grants 2004-05 (Demand No. 57) of the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy has noted with concern that drop-out rate at the Primary Stage has come down by only 3.5 per cent during 1991—2001.

(c) A Statement showing State-wise drop-out rates as per Selected Educational Statistics, 2002-03, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Some of the main reasons for drop-outs are the following:—

- Inadequate targeting of interventions for retention of hard to reach groups of children such as tribal children, working children, children with special needs, etc.
- Inadequate community mobilisation and involvement in running of elementary schools.
- Substantial teacher vacancies and teacher absenteeism.
- Inadequate or skewed teacher deployment, resulting in fewer teachers in rural and remote areas.
- Inadequate financial allocations in the past for quality improvement measures.

(d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a comprehensive programme for universalisation of elementary education, and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme are being implemented to minimise the incidence of drop-outs.

Statement

State-wise drop-out rates in 2002-03

Sl. No.	State	Drop-out rates								
		Classes I-V			Classes I-VIII			Classes I-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41.66	41.76	41.71	58.10	62.00	59.94	67.36	70.78	68.95
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	38.42	37.37	37.94	59.50	56.13	58.01	70.17	73.59	71.66
3.	Assam	62.51	59.63	61.17	67.07	70.85	68.76	74.28	75.65	74.91
4.	Bihar	62.74	61.66	62.31	77.91	80.78	79.01	82.27	85.83	83.60
5.	Chhattishgarh*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Goa	0.08	5.45	2.69	2.28	9.01	5.54	40.18	39.14	39.68
7.	Gujarat	26.02	23.14	24.77	43.09	48.76	45.48	59.21	67.13	62.82
8.	Haryana	3.45	10.74	6.89	5.70	14.82	9.90	22.31	37.05	29.14
9.	Himachal Pradesh	10.82	14.08	12.42	7.90	11.32	9.56	28.75	31.23	29.95
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	33.06	11.50	24.82	27.53	25.57	26.71	50.29	52.08	51.07
11.	Jharkhand*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Karnataka	19.77	17.59	18.74	47.46	49.61	48.46	60.67	63.72	62.14
13.	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.78	8.88	12.90

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14.	Madhya Pradesh	32.66	29.87	31.43	43.29	51.78	46.94	58.36	70.78	63.79
15.	Maharashtra	14.40	16.80	15.55	29.51	35.98	32.59	48.98	55.42	52.05
16.	Manipur	25.92	25.24	25.60	35.43	30.08	32.93	61.92	59.01	60.54
17.	Meghalaya	58.19	54.81	56.51	73.13	70.21	71.67	81.40	80.45	80.93
18.	Mizoram	56.25	56.52	56.38	60.05	56.39	58.31	77.11	74.11	75.68
19.	Nagaland	49.16	54.49	51.80	53.79	52.93	53.38	77.08	77.90	77.47
20.	Orissa	50.40	40.05	46.13	63.97	58.39	61.73	71.04	72.56	71.74
21.	Punjab	26.37	24.07	25.29	33.71	31.67	32.75	48.81	47.10	48.01
22.	Rajasthan	54.81	59.86	56.93	62.74	72.44	66.60	72.66	81.16	75.77
23.	Sikkim	54.74	49.29	52.06	72.68	66.32	69.66	76.85	73.07	75.12
24.	Tamil Nadu	14.56	16.22	15.37	46.06	39.00	42.85	47.31	46.26	46.80
25.	Tripura	43.28	42.62	42.97	65.17	65.22	65.19	74.24	74.29	74.27
26.	Uttar Pradesh	24.19	22.75	23.55	47.53	42.46	45.57	43.05	51.47	46.31
27.	Uttaranchal*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28.	West Bengal	37.39	35.32	36.41	67.26	69.30	68.23	77.08	80.61	78.74

*Drop-out rates are shown combined with the respective parent State.